

Response to Office Action Mailed November 22, 2011  
Examiner: Thiem Pham  
Serial No. 10/597,918  
Docket: VAL 221 P2 – MFR 0195 PCT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

On pages 2-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of claims 19-35 of the application. In order to expedite the allowance of this application, these claims have now been cancelled.

In Paragraph 6 of the Office Action the Examiner indicated the allowance of claims 1-15 and such allowance is appreciated.

For all the foregoing reasons and in view of the claims as now presented, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1287. Applicant hereby provides a general request for any extension of time which may be required at any time during the prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which have not been previously paid for by check and which are required during the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1287.

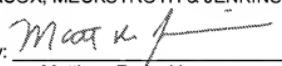
Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone with any questions or comments regarding this case.

**APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER IF THIS AMENDMENT DOES NOT PLACE THIS CASE IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.**

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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